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\$3.1 billion in the balance



◆ A Nov. 7 referendum will decide whether the UNC System will get \$3.1 billion to improve facilities. NCSU stands to gain \$468 million.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first story of a series on the \$3.1 billion bond referendum for structural improvements on UNC System and community college campuses. In the coming weeks, Technician News will explore the overall economic issues surrounding the bond. N.C. State's own needs, the bond's effects on other schools and the

general response to the bond referendum around the state.

Historic photos of N.C. State show students posing proudly in front of newly erected buildings on a budding campus. The prospect of education shows on the students' faces, and the freshness of the campus shines in the background.

These days, however, NCSU buildings are beginning to show their age.

On Nov. 7, voters all over the state will face a bond issue that could provide \$3.1 billion in state funding for the building needs of the 16 universities in the UNC system and 59 community colleges in North Carolina.

If the bond passes, NCSU will receive \$468 million with which to make necessary renovations to its classrooms, labs, offices and academic buildings to accommodate a growing students body and to provide state-of-the-art learning resources and new facilities.

"The bond is very important to the future of North Carolina," said Chancellor Martyne Fox.

If the referendum passes, the state's community colleges will receive \$600 million and the



Construction work around Harrelson Hall continues at a feverish pace, causing students slight detours. These bricks will likely be bruised and scuffed badly by the heavy equipment. We anticipate that new bricks will soon take their place.

UNC System universities will receive their allocations over a six-year span, beginning in 2001.

Construction and improvements of facilities will be performed bit by bit, causing mini-

mal inconvenience to students.

Private funds will partially repay the bond money over 25 years, contributing \$280 million. Also paying off the bond will be "self-liquidating" funding like residence halls and

recreational sports, according to Fox.

The condition of some NCSU facilities is becoming more desperate. The replacement value of NCSU's building needs currently stands at \$1.4 billion. In a

presentation to the Student Senate, Fox pointed out that 56 percent of buildings on campus were built before 1970, and 72 percent were built before 1980.

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Retired NCSU professor on international board

◆ Retired English professor Jeanne Smoot was elected as one of two secretary generals to the International Comparative Literature Association.

Lauren Pressley
Staff Reporter

Jeanne Smoot is carrying N.C. State's name all over the world. The retired NCSU English professor and former treasurer of the International Comparative Literature Association is now one of a pair of newly elected secretary generals of the organization.

The ICLA is one of the older scholarly groups, formed in 1957 at Oxford University in England, said Smoot, and the meetings are held once every three years at locations all over the world. The election was held at the most recent meeting of the ICLA in South Africa, said Smoot.

ICLA members represent universities from all over the world. "It's an interesting group," said Smoot.

The meetings are conducted in English and French, and two secretary generals were elected to keep the minutes in each of the languages. The position of secretary general is a once-renewable three-year term, and Smoot described her job as providing a source of continuity for the group in addition to taking the minutes.

Smoot also helped found the Southern Comparative Literature Association, the only regional organization of this sort which, at times, has



Jeanne Smoot, former N.C. State English professor

boasted a higher number of members than the national organization.

Although she officially retired from teaching last year, Smoot said that she "wanted to keep active." She recently presented a paper at the International Comparative Literature Association and is slated to present again at the SCLA and the American Comparative Literature Association.

Smoot also continues to work with distance education and graduate students.

When she was in graduate school, Smoot received two of the major scholarships that were open to women: the Fulbright fellowship and the Woodrow Wilson fellowship. She completed and defended her Ph.D. in the middle of 1968, when she was hired as an instructor at NCSU.

She was promoted to assistant professor at the end of that year, when she technically received her Ph.D. that she had already defended.

Smoot was only 24 at the

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NCSU receives genomics grant

◆ The National Science Foundation has awarded \$2.4 million to the N.C. State genomics program. The money will fund graduate studies in the discipline.

Cara Froedge
Staff Reporter

On Aug. 22, 34 graduate students began classes with the help of a five-year, \$2.4 million grant awarded to N.C. State by the National Science Foundation.

The grant money, given Aug. 1 as part of the NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship, enables students to focus on their graduate studies for three years, the duration of the scholarship.

A graduate degree in genomics, the study and mapping of DNA and genes, takes about four to six years for a student to earn, said Barbara Sherry, an associate professor of virology at the NCSU

School of Veterinary Medicine.

Sherry is also in charge of the genomics grant program.

The remainder of a student's funding "comes from alternate sources like similar grants, the UNC System and individual research grants," she said.

When the NSF began looking at graduate programs to receive the grants, the NCSU genomics program stood out because it is interdisciplinary — it couples bioinformatics with functional genomics. The former combines statistics and computer science in order to store, manage and analyze the data generated by the latter.

"Genomics is a large umbrella encompassing data gathering and analyzing," Sherry said.

Bioinformatics and functional genomics students are required to take 15 credit hours together, though their disciplines are different, in order to "begin communicating with each other because they will do that as scientists,"

said Sherry. "They need to communicate to get maximum information."

The program, which is only a year old, has more than 100 participating general science faculty members. It also spans six colleges and more than 12 departments.

And while NCSU's program is not the only one of its kind, said Sherry, it certainly "is on the forefront of other universities with similar programs. It's one in a handful."

She emphasized that, while the grant is important, it does not make or break the graduate program.

"The graduate program is much bigger than this one grant," said Sherry. "But, we are thrilled to have been awarded this money. It will draw many more students."

"Our purpose," she said, "is to provide the work force with students trained in the disciplines needed 10 to 20 years from now, in the U.S. and internationally."

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Texas A&M task force aims to deter underage drinking

Arati Bhattacharya
The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Texas A&M University's Alcohol Abuse Task Force is enforcing stiffer penalties for alcohol and substance violations to deter underage drinking and drug and alcohol abuse on campus.

Previously, a letter of reprimand was the punishment for a first minor in possession offense on campus. Now, conduct proba-

tion is the first punishment, entailing an official warning stating that one is in violation with A&M.

The task force is in collaboration with Alcohol and Drug Education Programs (ADEP), Residence Education, Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS) and the Corps of Cadets.

"Three things can happen once an underage drinker receives an MIP," said Mike Collins, coordinator for SCRS. "In a hearing,

a student can accept responsibility, the hearing officer can find him or her responsible, or the student may be found not responsible. The former two receive sanctioning."

Sue Foster, assistant director for Residence Education, said the group's goal is to create a healthier, safer environment on campus.

"The stricter measures being taken are intended to support the academic community,"

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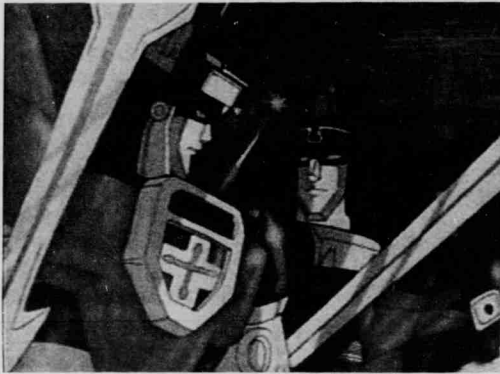
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The condition of buildings on campus mirrors the fact that NCSU possibly has the worst situation in the UNC system. Without the bond, it could get worse.

"There is more and more of a demand for admission" to North Carolina colleges and universities, said Fox.

On a campus that currently caters to almost 28,000 students, space is dwindling. According to estimates, NCSU will accommodate 31,000 students by 2008, if the resources and facilities are available to a student body that large.

The \$3.1 billion bond is the first part of a 10-year plan launched to remedy the building problems of state colleges. The projected total need is \$6.9 billion. The state will provide 60 percent of that funding.

If the bond does not get the approval of voters in Nov., state colleges and universities will have to tighten enrollment, denying students university admission due to lack of space and resources.

Building space will become even more elusive, and students will have to wait in longer lines to use computers and other resources. The level of competitive advantage at schools like NCSU could even diminish if labs and classrooms are not modernized, which will in turn

cause education to suffer and industries to seek employees elsewhere.

"Without these bonds, North Carolina stands to lose the competitive edge that has helped attract new and higher paying jobs," said State Treasurer Harlan Boyles in a letter to Governor Jim Hunt and three of his predecessors.

Boyles also said that N.C. taxpayers would not see a tax increase. Students will not see student fee increases to fund the improvements.

The bond referendum is a statewide issue that NCSU administration and students are educating students and North Carolina citizens about.

Student Body President Harold Pettigrew pointed out that facul-

ty, staff, students and administration are coming together and working with other UNC System schools and businesses to make the public aware of the bond issue.

Pettigrew and other members of Student Government will accompany Fox to areas around the state to talk to the organizations about the bond. A similar tour took place in July.

Administration and student leaders are also bringing the bond issue closer to home.

If the bond does not pass, NCSU students could face "a huge tuition increase," said Pettigrew.

Pettigrew stressed the importance of "making students feel what's going on."

Student Government has

worked to organize an educational campaign on campus about the bond and other issues facing students. Pettigrew voiced the need to register students, educate them and get them to vote, since they do have a say in the bond issue.

The bond referendum was an incentive for Student Government to push for the polling site recently placed in Witherspoon Student Center. Leaders hope the access to a polling site will cause more students to cast their votes Nov. 7.

"With students' presence, when it comes to other elected bodies like the Legislature and City Council, we can create more presence and make them aware of this age bracket," said Pettigrew.

NCSU student leaders are currently pushing to bring together campus organizations in a "campus-wide unified effort" to register students to vote, according to Pettigrew.

Several on-campus events will take place to make students more aware of the seriousness of the bond issue.

In early October, there will be a concert in Reynolds Coliseum featuring some "big name acts," according to Pettigrew. Students will register to vote to gain admission to the concert.

On Nov. 1, there will be a bond rally to try to build a unified effort among all 16 UNC System schools.

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Foster said. The suggestion to make alcohol violation consequences more severe started with the alcohol-free campus committee, composed of several offices around campus.

Each case is referred to ADEL, which decides on each case's consequence. The parental notification, which began last year, also is expected to continue. "We have found parental notification to be very successful,"

Collins said. "Last year there was only one repeat alcohol offender, and parental notification definitely played a factor in that. Our goal of creating a partnership with the student, the parents and the University seemed to make some positive things happen."

ADEP also conducts alcohol education workshops (AEW), which alcohol offenders are required to take, with the main focus on student alcohol use. AEWs, parental notification and sanctioning are all part of the alcohol enforcement package on campus.

"We hope to send out the mes-

sage that alcohol abuse and underage drinking is a violation of the law," Collins said. "Being on conduct probation makes students ineligible to hold any leadership office, an elected or appointed position, and restrains one from representing the University in any intercollegiate function, including athletics."

Upon a second violation, the student receives deferred suspension from the University, and a third incident will lead to suspension.

Collins stressed that these are just benchmarks and that each case will be examined individu-

ally. Any punishment option can be used at any time. Drug violations generally lead to immediate suspension.

In addition to the general University consequences, various departments reserve the authority to incorporate their own punishments. Scholarships may be affected, and students there may be removed from the Corps of Cadets and on-campus housing.

Essentially, consequences may range anywhere from a primary warning to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense.

"We hope students never put

themselves in that position," Foster said. "If they do, they should be aware of the consequences."

Foster anticipates better results with the new program.

"We wish to provide a stronger deterrent and a more consistent response by increasing awareness on campus," he said. "This is not just a residence hall issue, but a concern nationwide on all college campuses."

Collins said. "Our goal is to demonstrate that Texas A&M University has a strict stand on underage drinking and drug use."

SMOOT

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time and was sometimes teaching students older than her. She jokes that to appear older she would wear her hair in a bun.

Smoot was also the first woman to be tenured in the English department, and she was the first woman to have a baby while a professor at NCSU. She has four children. "Teaching, being a professor, is a wonderful profession," said Smoot. "It is very rewarding."

Smoot jokes that she taught for so many years that now when she walks into businesses or parties she will sometimes see former students. She

also receives letters from past students, which she regards as most rewarding.

Although Smoot retired from classroom teaching, her focus has not changed.

She has written three major articles in the past three years and has been approached about a book. She said that, although in the past she might have passed up projects due to time constraints, now she can devote herself to these things.

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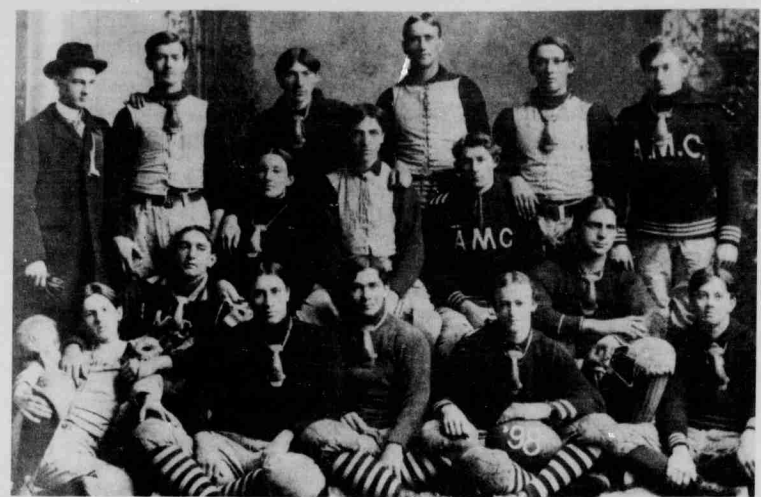
Harping on Harper not the answer

Earlier this week, in an interview with *The News and Observer*, N.C. State's former Public Safety director, Ralph Lex Harper, continued to maintain his innocence when asked about the charges of alleged misuse of university property and funds that were brought against him by NCSU and the State Bureau of Investigation this past summer. Harper maintains that none of the items purchased with the \$2.2 million in unspent department salary money were for his own personal use. Although many students are quick to play the role of judge, jury and executioner whenever allegations of administrative abuses come to light, the situation demands that students, administrators and other members of the community view the situation objectively.

So what characteristics constitute a "qualified candidate?" A qualified candidate should be one who has a proven history of commitment to the community and who exhibits a genuine concern for the well being of those that live and work in that community. The "right" person for the job is one who is willing to uphold the ancient Latin adage of "Nemo est supra legem" — no one is above the law — by personal example.

Public Safety is suffering from a public relations crisis that can only be solved if the department proves to the student body and to the community that it takes its role of protecting and serving seriously. By choosing a candidate for the job that is willing to take off the blue-colored glasses and step out from behind the badge by interacting with students and taking an active interest in improving campus safety, NCSU can overcome the formidable task of reversing the negative state of public opinion.

In order for NCSU to regain the respect that it has lost as a result of this incident, it is imperative that the administration take action by filling the position of Public Safety Director as soon as possible. If a satisfactory replacement coach can be unearthed in less than a month and a half, it should not take the administration more than two months to find a replacement for Harper. By not taking a proactive stance on the issue, the administration is sending the message that athletics are more important than safety.



NCSU Varsity Football 1898

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No unity at the U.N.



Manav Tandon

The United Nations is sponsoring a World Peace Summit that is the first of its kind in the 55 years of its existence: a summit involving religious leaders from around the globe. More than a thousand religious delegates have arrived in the United States to help the U.N. accomplish what it hasn't been able to since its inception in 1945: peace.

The U.N. has long been the guiding force behind peaceful solutions to ... ok, just kidding. The U.N. has long been an incompetent puppet organization that has looked out for the interest of the West while disregarding the needs of the "Third World."

In the 55 years of its existence, it has proven its loyalty to the Western nations and its inability to maintain peace and order in the world by such events as the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the recent bombing of Yugoslavia. In addition, it has proven that it is a failure as a peacekeeping organization by its most recent debacle in Sierra Leone, a small West African province.

Last year, rebels belonging to the opposition disregarded the peace settlement that had been signed only a year before and took 500 U.N. peacekeeping soldiers hostage. However, since the region is no longer of any strategic or economic value to the West, the U.N. called on more troops to be sent from

"Third World" countries. No call was made to the US to send its troops, which are better trained and better equipped than the Third World soldiers. The result: well, let's just say there's no peace in Sierra Leone's near future.

But now the U.N. has finally realized its ineffectiveness in maintaining peace (or so it seems), and have, for the first time, invited religious delegates from its member countries, hoping that they would be a little more successful. The U.N. has realized that it must look beyond economic, political, and military ambitions of the West in order to prevent future wars of apocalyptic proportions.

This realization should have been obvious from the very beginning; political leaderships

of different nations would always propagate policies and acts that would be most beneficial for their own countries. However, the question arises if the religious delegates will actually be any different from their political predecessors.

First of all, the historic event has already been surrounded in controversy. The U.N. has been widely condemned for not inviting the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, to the summit. Apparently, the U.N., the self-proclaimed advocate of democracy and freedom, was initially reluctant to invite the Dalai Lama because of China's differences with the exiled Tibetan leadership. The U.N. feared that inviting him would

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Where's the remote control?



Justin Paris

Sheesh ... Who peeped in the Federal Communication Commission's corn flakes this past week?

If you haven't heard (since it wasn't headline news), the FCC has been up in arms over "The Late Late Show With Craig Kilborn" and a recent sketch that ran during the Republican National Convention, depicting George W. Bush with a caption underneath that read "snipers wanted." Although CBS publicly apologized for the spot, Gloria Tristiani, FCC Commissioner and "dictator" of good taste, has called for the network to further account for

Kilborn's "crimes." Ironically, Bush's opponents, Democratic presidential contender Al Gore and running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman, are both advocates of putting pressure on the entertainment industry to tone down programming I guess that their recently acquired lead in the polls allowed for them to call off the hit man. The Bush campaign accepted CBS' apology.

While in poor taste, and not even particularly funny, the spot on Kilborn's show does rekindle an important issue: how far should television be able to go?

Well, since "The Late Late Show" is well known for its tongue-in-cheek stabs at politicians, I'd say that Tristiani's problem lies within her own crazy, deluded mind. In satire, anything goes for the most part. It wasn't like they actually

killed G-Dub. It wasn't the first stab at toning down violence for the ever-vigilant FCC, either. Tristiani also is after (surprise!) Howard Stern concerning a recent spot on "The Howard Stern Radio Show" — a syndicated show produced by a division of CBS — in which a caller threatened to kill Lieberman. Stern cut the caller off, and cooperated fully when the Secret Service tracked down the caller.

So why is there a problem? Stern didn't tell the caller to "kill Lieberman." And it's admirable that even he knew the limits of taste when he hung up on the psycho. I'd like to affectionately refer to this instance as the "Son of Stern" case, where the caller was the guilty party since the puppy-dog, Stern only dabbles in intestinal amusement, not homicidal mania.

Personally, I do believe that television needs to tone down violence. But I have issues with the focus here. Shouldn't Tristiani and the FCC be concerned with actual violence on TV as opposed to schtick humor? What about those episodes of "NYPD Blue" where people are brutalized by police, or shot? Or what about the episodes of "Hercules" and its "deplorable, graphic violent fighting scenes" and will anyone stop nightly news broadcasts and their incessant babble about the latest murders in Raleigh?

The FCC is the fat uncle who hoards the "remote control," meaning that it controls only remote aspects of tasteless broadcasting. What it really all comes down to is who the

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CAMPUS FORUM

Moral relativism not a rule

Michael Coutouzis seems to have missed Ralph Waldo Emerson's point in saying "good and bad are but names readily transferable to that or this; the only right is what is after my constitution; the only wrong what is against it." Emerson wrote this as a call to action for people despite their socio-economic status. Emerson writes two sentences later, "I am ashamed to how easily we capitulate to badges and names, to large societies and dead institutions." This practice of going against the grain is not readily accepted or practiced by society, contrary to Coutouzis' article. We live in a society where right and wrong are determined by highly paid government officials and traditional moral groups who claim to have "the truth." Emerson does not call people to throw away tradition or custom, but to question it, re-evaluate what society takes for right and wrong, weighing it against their own consciences.

(which it hasn't; we still function in the shadow of tradition and institution) is contradictory, claiming "if we are doing something we know we shouldn't be doing and somebody brings that to our attention, we feel bad, thanks to our conscience." First off, if it were something "we know we shouldn't be doing," the relativist would take that knowledge and not do the wrong thing in the first place. Secondly, relativists do not hide from their consciences; they listen to their conscience openly and freely, following it as an internal guide. After all, that is what the conscience is for.

We must also keep in mind that Emerson wrote this during the height of his involvement with the Abolitionist movement. He was using his moral conscience to protest the commonly accepted practice of slavery, which would be equivalent to a modern-day abortion protester. Lastly, the writer asks "how else can he (man) justify acts ranging from the killing of the unborn to same-sex relationships?" These two examples are probably the most debatable moral issues in society, in which relativism and personal conscience become the only fac-

tors in arguing for or against either.

Coutouzis does a very good job of following his own moral convictions based on his own conscience, the latter side of Emerson's idea. Emerson was trying to find a way to open up new ways of living, stepping away from conventional conformity and finding a way that satisfies the individual, whereas Coutouzis is asking readers to surrender their opinions for the sake of his own self-approved, all-encompassing, morally correct guide. If moral relativism does not appeal to Coutouzis, by all means, don't practice it. But Coutouzis' belief that moral relativism is a contradictory practice is still a subjective belief, and therefore is in line with Emerson's point. Thank you Coutouzis, and please give me your address so that I can come to your church on Sundays and worship you. "The virtue in most is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion." - Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1840.

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A knife in Kashmir's back

In reference to Manav Tandon's Mon, Aug. 28 column, "Kashmir is bleeding," the killings of Hindu pilgrims in the Indian-occupied state of Jammu and Kashmir is indeed deplorable. However, the solution to the Kashmir problem lies in abiding by the wishes of people of Jammu and Kashmir. It is inaccurate to say that Kashmir has been bleeding since 1988. The history goes as far back as 1947, when India invaded Kashmir in the hopes of the Kashmiri Raja. There was a brief war between India and Pakistan after which the UNO mediated a cease-fire. In the end, a resolution was passed by the consent of both India and Pakistan that the future of Kashmir was to lay in the hands of the Kashmiri people — whether they want to be a part of India or Pakistan. But since then, 52 years have been passed, 70,000 innocent Kashmiris have been killed and India still hasn't fulfilled

its obligations. Therefore, by blaming the armed Kashmiri militants for all the bloodshed in the valley, Tandon has just obscured the facts.

"Declare Pakistan a terrorist country." Now this is going too far. If armed militants are the reason given for being a terrorist, then India is not free of this phenomenon either. We have seen the armed RSS militia and other Hindu fanatics burn Christian missionaries alive, tear down the Babri Mosque, and vandalize Sikh temples. As if there was room for more terror, the Indian government has conducted nuclear testing in 1970s and then in late 1990s, thus threatening peace in the region.

But enough of these accusations and counter-accusations. For 52 years, we have witnessed the politics of hatred and intolerance in South Asia. There can be no prosperity and development amid wars. It's about time we honor the wishes of the people and undo the mistakes of the past so that we can give our people a bet-

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RULE OF THUMB



California Governor Ray Davis. Fighting fire-fighters, he sent a letter to the heads of the University of California, California State University and California Community College requesting student extensions for enrollment, registration, financial aid, and other deadlines until Sept. 30. That's what it takes, folks, for an excused absence: million-acre forest fires.



Al Gore. Confident with a boost in the polls, he tells George W. Bush to "put up or shut up" about detailing policies and decides to visit Dave Letterman with or without Dubya. Seems like someone's gotten a boost of Vitamin C (chutzpah).



U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. He called on religions to give up the lunacy of holy wars and dedicate themselves to the peace process at a worldwide conference.



Higher Ed. 34 percent of colleges are banning Napster until its official (il)legality can be determined. If only they cared about cleaning up their dining services as much as they care about their computing services.



U.A.B.'s Crossroads Event. Student government in action: something good - with live music, cotton candy and a ferris wheel. It was incredible, just like the State Fair, only without the two-bit con artists (most of the administration didn't show).



ESA naming trolls. BTW, we want a name ASAP OK? Just pick: "Valiano Memorial" or "The Herb Garden." LOL!



George W. Bush. Iffy on debates and sketchy on policy. "Dubya" risks losing his charm as he starts campaigning. The head of the Lone Star State is looking more lone and less starry.



Firestone. 88 deaths, 250 injuries and 1,400 complaints under investigation after ignoring 2-year-old reports on safety failures. Get a better image a la Goodyear and nab yourself a blimp; just don't name it Hindenberg.



Global Warming. One-third of world habitats are in danger, including forests in New York and New England as well as 70 percent of Canada's habitable zone. That's what happens to a nation of lumberjacks, eh?



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What's going on with the bond?

Harold Pettigrew Contributing Columnist

First and foremost, I would like to welcome everyone back from the summer Classes are now underway and we are now facing a year full of issues, concerns, and events that will make this one to



Matters of State
A Message from the Student Body President

remember. Many issues have come to the table and we have begun to plan and strategize for them.

One issue that many of you have yet to hear about is the bond. This is one word that we all as students will certainly hear enough of. What is the bond you may be wondering?

This summer, the N.C. Legislature placed in the hands of citizens the fate of the Higher Education Bond. This bond, worth \$3.1 billion dollars, will be voted on Nov. 7 and will dramatically affect the students of the 16 universities and community colleges here in North Carolina.

Approximately \$468 million will go to N.C. State for the renovation of existing facilities and to expand others so that more students will be able to attend NCSU in the future. As most of you can tell, many of the buildings on campus have never been renovated and about two-thirds of them are in poorer condition than 25 years old.

Why is this important to us students?

Think back to last year, when the students faced a tuition increase from the Board of Governors to raise money for faculty salaries. The increase used this money to increase funding for student-centered programs as well as the increase in funding for faculty salaries as mandated by the Board of Governors.

So, think now of where funding will come from if this bond does not pass and the universities and community colleges are facing the issue of capital improvements: tuition.

If this bond does not pass then we will potentially be facing a tuition increase much greater than \$600 over two years. This tuition increase will dwarf the current tuition increase and leave students in greater financial burden that we already face. The increase is not certain but highly likely, and passage of the bond is our fight against any notions of an increase in tuition.

With only this being said there is no doubt that you should vote for this bond.

This summer, student government headed up a committee of student leaders from across campus that lobbied the board of elections and successfully placed a bid for a new poll site here on campus in Witherspoon Student Center. Instead of you going to vote, voting has been brought to you. There is no reason why every student here should not vote. There will also be major voter registration

drives going on during the next couple of weeks so everyone will have the opportunity to vote.

This year we have a lot of new projects going on within student government and we are definitely looking for students who want to be involved. There are many committees and boards that need student representation and we are always looking for interested students.

"This year, I have commissioned a Fee Review Committee. This committee will be headed up by Michael Anthony, the Student Body Treasurer and will examine all the fees that we pay and find out the history and reason behind its existence today. It will primarily serve as a consultant to the student body on student fees. As promised last year, I created a program called "Pastime with the President" where freshmen will have the opportunity to meet with me regarding issues facing campus life and learn more about the university. We are always looking for students to get involved in the university. This year we hope to create many opportunities for students to be involved and informed with everything that is going on inside the university and around the state of North Carolina.

If in any way you would like to get involved or have a question regarding campus contact me at shp@ncsu.edu or call (919) 515-2797

REMOTE

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gets of these crimes are. Since two nonceable political figures are the current targets, one of whom will become very powerful in a couple of months, the FCC has decided to step up to the plate and go to bat for wholesome television. But what if the picture on Kilborn's show had been Rodney King? Or Tupac Shakur? Or of an anonymous homeless person on Hillsborough Street? Would Gloria Trisiani get out of her

push leather chair and fight?

What everyone seems to forget is that the FCC stands for the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS Commission, meaning their boss is the president. And unless you are going to be president anytime soon, don't look for a government agency to watch your back.

It is the FCC's duty to protect our nation's airwaves from broadcasting detrimental to our country's good taste (whatever that may be). And if there is a problem with something being broadcast, maybe it's time to make the rules a little clearer, rather than picking and choosing those battles worth fighting. It's turning into a question of whose life is more valuable than the other, and that in itself is more disgusting than any act of violence ever shown on TV. Oh wait — we have seen that before. On "Survivor."

In Trisiani's letter to CBS' president (wrong type of president, I guess), she writes: "Perhaps there is no government solution for bad taste or the thoughtless broadcast of misguided humor. However, Americans' patience with gratuitous violence on her airwaves is perilously thin. Calls for voluntary codes of conduct are changing to calls for enforceable regulatory standards."

Well, somebody should do his or her job then. If not, the remote control is always nearby.

peaceful toward other fellow beings; only then can we expect entire nations to get along with one another. The religious delegates at the summit must first dispose of any hostility and hatred toward members of other religions. They must first attempt to understand each other's religious beliefs before diving right into a discussion about peace. They must go to the summit with an open-mind, realizing the fact that "Truth is one, paths are many" (an ancient Hindu phrase). Only then can the delegates come up with an effective solution for long-lasting peace. Let's hope, for the sake of humanity, that they are successful in this noble endeavor.

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UNITY

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signal recognition of his exiled government in India, which would not sit well with the Chinese leadership. However, courting enough pressure and criticism, the U.N. hastily sent out an invitation at the very last minute. The Dalai Lama, fortunately for the U.N., politely refused. He did not want the summit to suffer because of his presence.

Secondly, if political leaders could not agree on standard policies for peace because of their selfish ambitions for political, economic, and military power, the religious leaders would be even more divisive, because the principles and ideologies of different religions

will counter each other. And religious texts, theologies, and principles cannot be compromised, even for the noble cause of peace.

Perhaps some of the delegates are fundamentalist religious zealots who intend to convert all the other delegates to another religion and to conform to their beliefs. Proselytizing and conversion have been the core of some religions, and it would be foolish to expect that the delegates of such religions would suspend their core beliefs for the duration of the summit. Religious bigotry is a far more dangerous thing than political or economic ambitions.

I believe that to attain peace in the world, spirituality (not religion) must play a huge role. Each individual, no matter what his/her economic and social position, should strive to be

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ter quality of life.

Manzoor Ahmed Cheema
Grad Student
Poultry Science

MNCs A-OK

This is in response to Cindy Spurlock's Aug. 29 article, "Just don't do it." In a typical anti-trade attack on multinational corporations (MNCs), she uses Nike as an example of foreign firms supposed "human rights abuses" and "oppressive business practices" in developing countries. The fact of the matter is that MNCs, especially American companies, lead the way in those countries with regard to wages and working conditions. Members of local populations who choose (and let me emphasize "choose" because no one is forced to take these jobs) to work for the MNCs receive wages that are several

No sheep in wolves' clothing

I beg to differ with Rhet McLaughlin's opinion about N.C. State students who wear clothing with UNC-Chapel Hill logos. The right of free speech protects individuals' right to express their opinions with their clothing as well as in an opinion column.

I attended UNC-CH after high school and formed the same sort of loyalty to their sports teams as McLaughlin has for the Wolfpack. Since then, I have proudly received a bachelor's of science and master's of science at NCSU, and expect to be very proud of a Ph.D. that says NCSU. I cheer for the Pack unless they play the Tar Heels. On rare occasions, such as when UNC-CH was in the Final Four, I've worn UNC-CH shirts to campus. Far more frequently, I wear NCSU shirts.

McLaughlin errs in assuming that UNC-CH fans at NCSU did not meet UNC-CH's admission standards. In my

case, I applied and was accepted to grad school at UNC-CH, Duke and NCSU. Due in large part to the great people in the computer science department at NCSU, I chose to attend here. I'll be happy to compare SATs, GREs or GPAs with McLaughlin.

The animus McLaughlin expresses toward UNC-CH is juvenile. UNC-CH graduates students with training in medicine, law, pharmacy, nursing and dentistry whose services he will need at some point. UNC-CH does not have a college of engineering nor a vet school. The two schools have different missions, but both play an important role in meeting the needs of society for educated graduates.

If sports are kept in the proper perspective, one can enjoy the competition between rival schools and still respect the rival, instead of considering them an enemy.

Andy Smith
Doctoral Student
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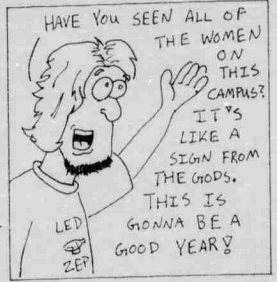
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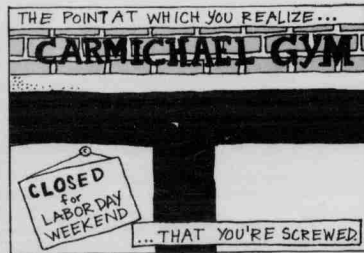
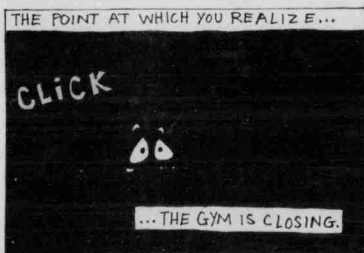
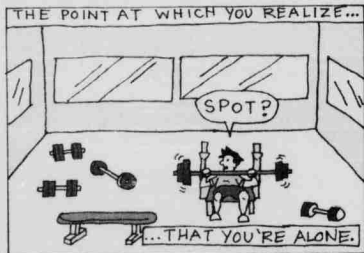
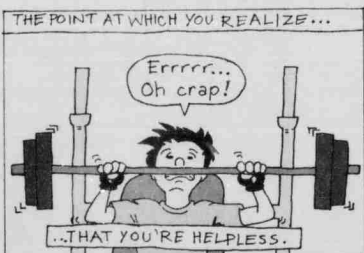


Serious is in need of cartoonists!
Stop by 323 Witherspoon Student Center on Tuesday September 5th at 6:00pm. We're also looking for editorial cartoonists for the Opinion page. Stay tuned in the next couple of weeks for new cartoons by Danimal, John Carr, r@tu, Matt Tracey, Jackson Brown, G West, and marko (who promises all new material next week...honest...)

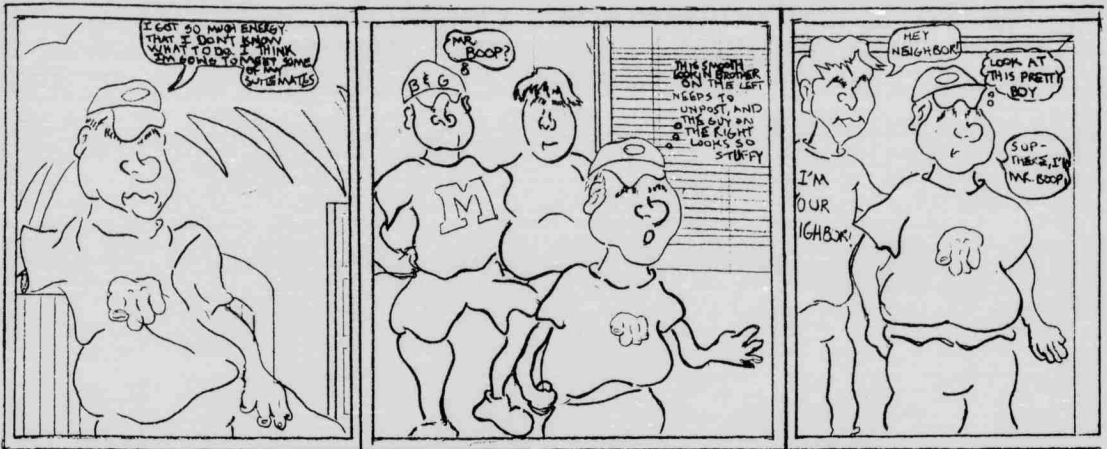


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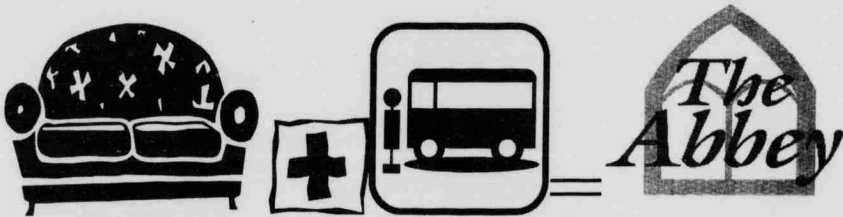


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WEEK ONE

TOP 4

Pigskin Picks has returned for the 2000 season. Each week, the eight panelists will choose the winners of 12 college football games.

The winner at the end of the season will get some sort of prize, which will be determined later. Senator Jesse Helms is the defending champion.

BOTTOM 4



PIGSKIN PICKS

Games to be played for the week of ~ **SEPTEMBER 2**



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The Citadel at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Tulsa at North Carolina	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
Central Florida at Georgia Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech	Ga Tech
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AMATO

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Amato hopes that the intensity of practices will translate into success on the field.

As a linebacker at State, Amato helped his lead the Pack to wins over the likes of second-ranked Houston and an Atlantic Coast Conference championship. As an assistant coach at Florida State, he has been a part of two national championships and the last nine ACC titles.

He plans for his tenure at State to be as successful, and he knows what championship-caliber teams must have.

"I know to be a great football team, you have to play great defense," said Amato.

Amato expects his defense to converge upon the ball and stop opposing offenses. The cliched "giving it 110 percent" is not rewarded under Amato; it is mandated.

While much of the attention early on will be focused on the performance of freshman quarterback Philip Rivers, the success of this and ensuing State teams will



Chuck Amato announced Thursday that three players will sit out the opener against Arkansas State for violating unspecified team rules. The players are William Pannell, Nate Goodson and Alex Rice. Willie Wright will also miss the game due to academic reasons.

likely hinge on the defense accepting and adhering to the aggressive philosophy of Amato.

With the season about to begin, the new attitude of

State is ready to be put to the test. While the intense practices are not easy, the players have bought into Amato's work ethic, realizing his commitment to improving

them and Wolfpack football. "He's a great leader," said reserve quarterback Olin Hannum. "He makes the most out of us, helps us to play better."



AROUND THE ACC

Appalachian State 20, Wake Forest 16

The Citadel (0-0) at No. 17 Clemson (0-0)
Clemson is the heavy favorite in the ACC this year — to finish second to Florida State. The Tigers open against The Citadel.

East Carolina (0-0) at Duke (0-0)
Duke begins its year against ECU, the winningest Division I-A team in the state last year with a 9-3 record.

Central Florida (0-0) at Georgia Tech (0-0)
Tech takes a second crack at opening its season after having Sunday's game against No. 11 Virginia Tech canceled due to severe lightning.

Tulsa (0-0) at North Carolina (0-0)
Former N.C. State head coach Mike O' Cain makes his debut as UNC's offensive coordinator.

Brigham Young (0-1) at Virginia (0-0)
UVa challenges a BYU team that lost its opener 29-3 against another ACC school, No. 2 Florida State.

IM/Rec Notes

Intramurals

Intramural flag football registration closed Wednesday. Registration for tennis and soccer also began this week. Sign-ups for these sports will continue through next Wednesday.

Club sports

Find out more information on Club Sports at N.C. State

by attending the Club Sports Publicity Day on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Brickyard. Representatives from each Club Sport will be available to provide information on how to get involved.

Organizational meetings for all Club Sports are underway. Meetings will run through Thursday. Call 515-3161 for information on when each specific club will meet.

Informal recreation/fitness

Registration for the Frisbee/Ulimate League is still going. Play will begin on Sept. 13 and continues through March 2001. Sign-ups for fitness workshops are also ongoing. Yoga is closed, but there are still openings in Qi Gong, Massage Techniques, Weight Training and Nutrition.

Aerobics classes have begun. The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department offers everything from Aqua Aerobics to Boxing to Low-High Combination. Stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium to pick up a schedule, no registration is necessary.

Outdoor

Registration for the next outdoor adventure will begin

on Sept. 11. The next trip will be one of the most beautiful sections of the New River. Outdoor workshops available for registration are Rockclimbing Basics, Survival Skills and Minimum Impact Camping Skills. Stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium and register.

Job opportunities

If anyone is interested in

working for Intramural-Recreational Sports Department in the following areas visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium and complete an application; aerobic leaders, office supervisors or official.

For additional information, call 515-3161 or stop by 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.



Arkansas State wants to spoil Amato's debut

◆ The Indians will be led by quarterback Cleo Lemon.

Rob Godfrey
Assistant Sports Editor

Like it or not, the Arkansas State Indians will visit Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturday for one reason. The team from Jonesboro, Ark., intends to hamper the festivities surrounding Chuck Amato's debut as head football coach at N.C. State.

A team with seven offensive and six defensive returnees, ASU, led by head coach Joe Hollis, has the ability to compete with the Wolfpack. But this isn't news to those associated with Pack foot-

ball. "Don't let that State after Arkansas fool you because it sure isn't fooling us," Amato said. "It's the best team Coach Hollis has said he's had since he's been there. Skill is everywhere these days and they've got it. They've got a quarterback and a wide receiver that make a lot of big plays."

The quarterback to which Amato refers is ASU's Cleo Lemon, a senior. Lemon, his school's all-time leader in passing yards (5,742), and his decorated receiver Robert Kilow, a 1999 first-team All-Big West Conference performer, should test State's young secondary.

"[Lemon] drops back quite a

bit, and he's got the mobility to move out of the pocket," Amato said. "The people that you talk to who have played against them in the last year or so think that he's an outstanding quarterback."

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at victory. The ASU offensive line boasts 70 career starts and 90 career games played. Left guard Jamie Pond and center Jack Wright are seniors, as is sub Joe O'Bar, whose experience ups the offensive line's career start total to 81 games.

Right tackle Garry Johnson, a sophomore, was second-team All-Big West as a freshman. He started all 11 ASU games last season and played more than 95 percent of the Indians' offensive snaps.

Defensively, six ASU starters are seniors. Strong safety Sean Miller led his team in total hits (91) last season, while Segun Ajibade started 11 games at inside linebacker. ASU finished 4-7 overall, and 3-

3 in the Big West a year ago. The Indians fell to 0-4, losing to high-profile teams like Illinois and Texas Christian. TCU, then the defending Sun Bowl Champion, nipped ASU 24-21.

The Indians later rebounded to defeat Sam Houston State, and two games later, Louisiana-Lafayette. In the end, wins over Nevada, North Texas and Sam Houston did keep ASU in conference championship contention, dispelling media and coaches who had picked Hollis' team to finish last.

2000 marks the final season for ASU in the Big West. Next fall, the Indians join the Sun Belt Conference, expanding the conference to 13 football teams.

The Sun Belt thus becomes one of the most geographically diverse conferences in the NCAA; teams from Kentucky to Idaho will comprise the new Sun Belt.

Since ASU entered Division I-A football competition in 1992, the Indians have played seven of eight season openers away from Jonesboro.

Against the likes of Brigham Young (1996), Florida (1993) and Virginia Tech (1994), ASU's success has been minimal; the only kickoff win for the Indians, since 1992, came at home against Utah State.

Saturday's game at Carter-Finley is ASU's first against an Atlantic Coast Conference team.

Season finally arrives Saturday

◆ Chuck Amato's first game at the helm of the Wolfpack will be against Arkansas State. N.C. State will feature a new coaching staff, new uniforms and new quarterback Philip Rivers.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

After eight months of preparation and planning, the new-look N.C. State football team finally makes its debut Saturday evening at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Head coach Chuck Amato has spent the past few months trying to answer questions about his team that he hasn't necessarily been able to answer. The Pack has spent the past few weeks practicing against each other, which hasn't given Amato all the answers he seeks.

Many of those questions will finally get addressed this weekend when the Pack takes its first shots against someone wearing a different uniform, Arkansas State. Amato waited years for the opportunity to be a head coach. He has held the position at his alma mater since January, but Saturday will still be something special.

"For me, it's going to mean a lot because my school asked me to come back," Amato said. "And I had the opportunity to say 'yay' or 'nay' to it. The deciding factor was how much this school gave me."

Amato's debut is a hot topic right now, but the coach wants the focus to be on his players this weekend.

"This game isn't about Chuck Amato," Amato said. "This game is about North Carolina State football, period. It's not about our coaching staff vs. their coaching staff. It's about North Carolina State vs. Arkansas State."

The Pack spent the week running through "dress rehearsals" for Saturday's game. Amato said that the Pack went through everything at its last scrimmage from the coin flip to running plays.

The detail of the scrimmage was designed to reduce mistakes for the real thing Saturday.

"I'm sure there's going to be a lot of nervous people come Saturday," Amato said.

"We've got a lot of young people here that are going to play important roles that you never know how they're going to react."

The run-through also gave the coaching staff a chance to work out the kinks. Amato has a veteran coaching staff, but he wanted to make sure the chemistry is right for Saturday.

"We don't have a young coaching staff, but we've got a new coaching staff, and you wonder how we're going to react," Amato said. "And guess what, we'll find out Saturday."

Most experts are picking State to blow out the Indians this weekend. But the score isn't a concern for the coaching staff.

"Just to win; 7-6 is fine," offensive coordinator Norm Chow said. "That always makes me happy. Just to win and hopefully play with some consistency."

One of the major questions for the Pack is how will freshman quarterback Philip Rivers react to his first college start. Rivers has been



N.C. State kicks off its season Saturday night against Arkansas State at Carter-Finley Stadium. The Wolfpack is more than a two-touchdown favorite, but Chuck Amato isn't taking the game lightly. "We don't have a young coaching staff, but we've got a new coaching staff, and you wonder how we're going to react," Amato said.

praised by the coaching staff and his teammates for his maturity and poise, but as Amato points out, doing the job in practice is different from doing it during a game.

"Philip needs all the game experience he can get," Amato said. "It's not like he's a 28-year-old veteran. He's an 18-year-old."

The Pack secondary should also get tested this weekend against Arkansas State quarter-

back Cleo Lemon and All-Big West wide receiver Rovert Kilow. Freshman James Walker and junior Brian Williams will get their first game experience at cornerback after converting from other positions. Williams, at least, doesn't appear bothered by the move.

"As a defensive back, it's the same drills," Williams said. "If you have to cover a man, it's basically the same thing."

Depth is a concern for the Pack heading into the start of the season. The Pack is currently using only 73 of the 85 scholarships allowable by the NCAA.

Injuries will prevent a couple of players from participating in Saturday's contest. Offensive tackle Scott Kooistra is out after suffering a knee injury in preseason practice. Defensive back Rod Johnson is recovering from an ankle sprain and will also be a spectator. And defensive tackle Drew Wimsatt and tailback K.J. Stone are on the sidelines recovering from surgery.

State's ranks continued to thin on Thursday when the team announced that four players would sit out the opener. Juniors William Pannell and Nate Goodson and senior Alex Rice will be held out due to an unspecified violation of team rules. Starting tight end Willie Wright will also miss the game due to "academic obligations."

ARKANSAS STATE VS. N.C. STATE

5 Keys to the Game

Protect the quarterback. Freshman Philip Rivers already has plenty of pressure on him from the media attention he's receiving. The offensive line needs to make sure he doesn't have to worry about ASU's linebackers, too.

"Just win, baby." The Pack and its fans have been building toward Chuck Amato's debut for months. Anything less than a win will be considered a disappointment.

When: Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Carter-Finley Stadium
TV: None Line: N.C. State by 17

Keep it close. The Indians are 6-0 over the last two seasons when they have the lead or tied going into halftime.

Hang on to the ball. In its six wins in 1999, the Wolfpack turned the ball over just nine times, three of which came in hurricane conditions against South Carolina. State coughed the ball up 15 times in its six losses.

Pile on the yards. ASU went 4-1 in 1999 when it gained more than 300 yards. The Indians' combination of quarterback Cleo Lemon and wide receiver Robert Kilow are more than capable of moving the ball.

Attitude adjustment for players, coaching staff



◆ Chuck Amato looks to fitness and intensity to turn around Wolfpack football.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

Some of the alterations that the N.C. State football program has undergone in the last 12 months are readily apparent.

The hiring of former coach Mike O' Cain and firing of new head coach Chuck Amato? Obvious. The changing from the diamond logo to the block-S logo on the helmets? Also obvious.

There are other changes to the team, however, that have been less explicit. One is the new attitude that Amato seems to have instilled in his players.

Under the tenure of O' Cain, the

players and the coaches were largely friends. Practices were left open for the media. Overall, the atmosphere was relatively relaxed.

Since Amato and his staff took over, many things have changed.

Amato has openly criticized the attitude of some players. Media access to practices is largely restricted. An intense training program has been established, aimed at making the players quicker, stronger, less susceptible to injury and hungrier for wins.

During spring practices, Amato established early on what was going to be expected. Coming off an ACC Rookie of the Year campaign, Koren Robinson arrived at practice with a disposition that wasn't to Amato's liking.

The coach told the media that while Robinson was talented, he needed an attitude adjustment.

"It was hard for me to adjust," said

Robinson. "Coach Amato is treating me different than Coach O' Cain."

When he arrived back on campus this summer, however, Robinson had already begun to show positive changes. He was stronger and quicker. Now, he said he understands Amato's strategies, calling the coach a "jokester" who says things to motivate his players to work harder.

"He wants me to push myself more, and that's what I'm trying to do," Robinson said.

Amato's increased emphasis on fitness is also beginning to show results.

Many correlated the injuries sustained by Pack players last year to poor conditioning, and Amato is determined not to incur the same criticism.

"They're skinnier, considerably," Amato said of his players.

Chuck Amato has brought a new attitude to the Wolfpack.